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CHICKATAWBI BLUE OVERLOOK HILLS RESERVATION

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Chickatawbut Overlook is a natural. It's...

HILLTOPS, FORESTS, AND WETLANDS.
TRAILS, PICNIC AREAS AND SCENIC VIEWS.
AND ITS ONLY 15 MINUTES FROM BOSTON.

Something for everyone-

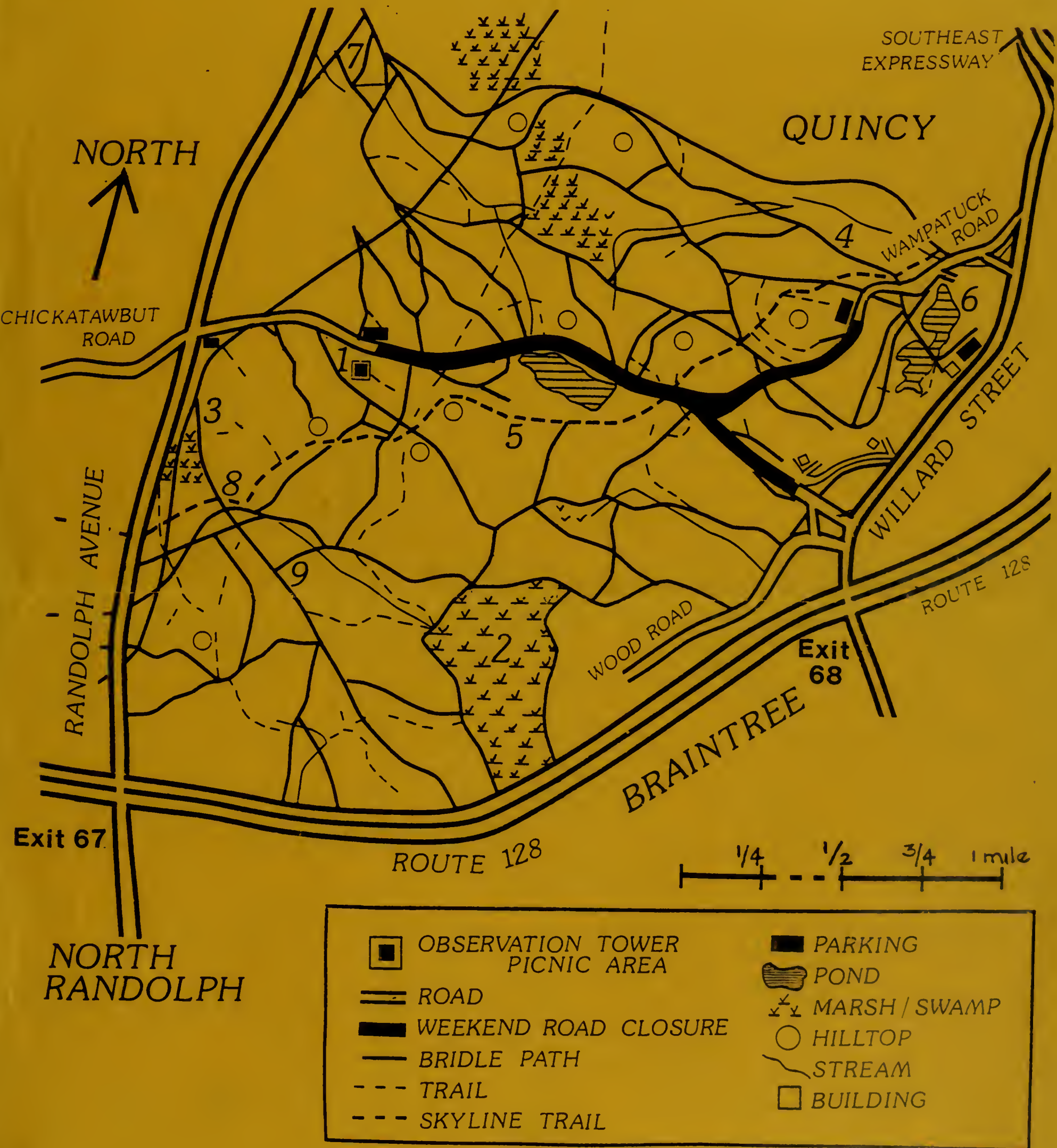
On weekends throughout the summer 8am-8pm the Chickatawbut Overlook Area (see map) will be closed to all motor vehicles, allowing only foot and bicycle use.

As part of the 5700 acre Blue Hills Reservation, Chickatawbut Overlook is administered by the Metropolitan District Commission as a park area for the general public.

Biking, picnicking, hiking, running, and nature study are just a few of the activities the public can enjoy here.

All of this makes Chickatawbut Overlook a natural getaway for a walk or a picnic.

1. Enjoy a picnic at the observation tower
2. Explore the Great Cedar Swamp
3. Hike the path that John Quincy Adams used as he traveled to and from Boston
4. Travel along the oldest path in the reservation where native Americans once walked
5. Hike along the Skyline trail for breathtaking hilltop views of Boston
6. Discover the nature trail around the quiet St. Moritz Pond
7. Explore the remains of the Civilian Conservation Corps Camp where more than 200 young people lived in the 1930's
8. Visit a grove of towering old Hemlock trees
9. Discover stone walls that once enclosed pastures and fields of past centuries



HISTORY

This hill is named to honor Chief Chickatawbut of the Massachusek Tribe who lived in the Blue Hills over 300 years ago. Chickatawbut played a vital role in assisting the first colonists as they struggled to establish their new settlements in the Mass. Bay area.

As the early settlements expanded, the Blue Hills became the site of numerous farms, villages, logging operations, and quarries. In fact, the first commercial railroad in America was established a short distance from Chickatawbut Hill.

The Chickatawbut Observation Tower was built in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps out of native granite. This tower and the surrounding picnic area are maintained by the Metropolitan District Commission for use by the general public.

GUIDED WALKS

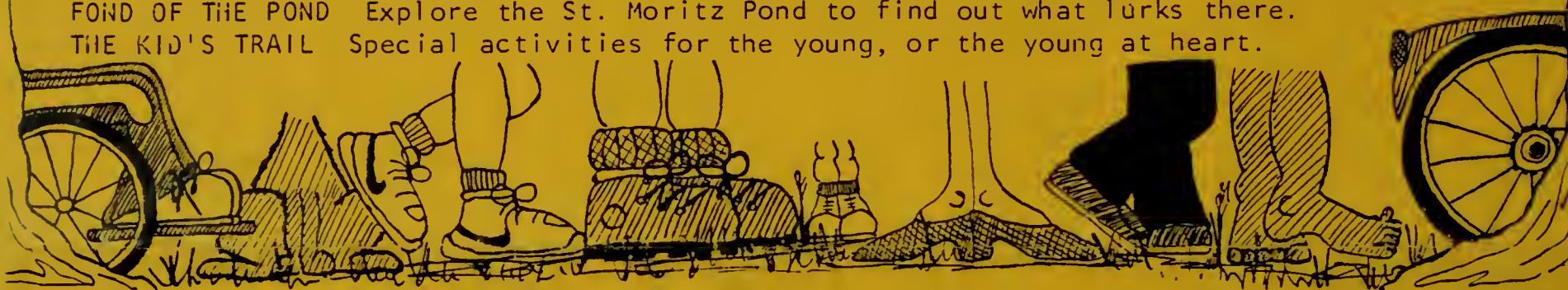
A variety of nature walks and programs will be offered by park naturalists on certain weekends and holidays. Schedules will be posted. Topics will include:

NUTS AND BERRIES Discover nature's delicacies as we taste our way through the forest.

HUNT FOR HISTORY Explore the many tales and legends of the Blue Hills Reservation.

FOND OF THE POND Explore the St. Moritz Pond to find out what lurks there.

THE KID'S TRAIL Special activities for the young, or the young at heart.



OUR GOAL IS TO CREATE THE FINEST PARK IN THE REGION !

The creation of a "pedestrian park" at Chickatawbut Overlook highlights a new management effort by the Metropolitan District Commission. Commissioner William Geary considers improvements in park and visitor services a top priority. This season a corps of young people trained in forestry and environmental education will continue the work begun by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's. Improvements may already be seen at the Chickatawbut Tower Picnic Area and at St. Moritz Pond. Our new naturalists and rangers can be seen throughout the park assisting visitors in enjoying this rare natural resource at Boston's doorstep.

PLEASE... HELP US PROTECT THIS AREA

No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the reservation.

Pets must be on a leash and under control.

Fires are prohibited except in fireplaces.

Camping is prohibited.

DIRECTIONS...

Take Route 128 to Exit 67 North (Milton), and turn right on Chickatawbut Road. Take

Take Route 128 to Exit 68 North and follow Willard St. to the ice skating rink parking area at St. Moritz Road.

From Boston, take Dorchester Avenue to Route 28, turn left on Chickatawbut Road.